



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Crabtree, et al.

Application No.: 10/677,900

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Title: Ranger/Hybrid Automatic Self-Metering Nozzle, with
Ratio-Selectable & Flow Meter Features

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Commissioner for Patents

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

To Action Mailed 3/15/07

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 15, 2007, please amend this application as follows:

In the claims:

As per the attached Claim Amendment Sheet.

REMARKS

Rejection Under §112

Applicant respectfully traverses the assertion that the limitation “self-metering automatic,” as found in the phrase “self-metering automatic industrial scale fire-fighting nozzle” in the preamble of claims 1-4, is indefinite. Applicant submits that, in accordance with English grammar, “automatic” would not properly be interpreted there as modifying “self-metering.” Applicant traverses, thus, the assertion that “self-metering automatic,” in the preamble context, could also be interpreted to mean “automatically self-metering” and be impermissibly indefinite. Applicant respectfully submits that there is no indefiniteness here.